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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
 Wednesday, August 3, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Memorial Building Women’s Club Room.

1. Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Kim Corcoran		X	X	
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Glen Ackerman-Behr	X			
Carolyn Libby	X			
Quorum	5	4	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman.

3. Approval of the July 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Ackerman-Behr to accept the meeting minutes. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda.
Motion by Korpela to approve the Agenda. **Second** by Ackerman-Behr. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):
 None.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. 2022 Goals – Housing Discussion – update from Housing Subcommittee: Bergman presented the housing subcommittee presentation. Ackerman-Behr discussed four areas of focus, such as: Improve the utilization of existing housing stock, develop a strategy to attract long term rentals, develop a promotional package for new developers, and expand the sub-committee membership.
 - B. Update on Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan: Bergman completed a tour of the Downtown with the Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan consultants. He discussed the next steps.
 - C. Adult Use Marijuana Establishment License Application Update: Bergman updated the EDC with the City Commissions decision to increase marijuana retail licenses. Bergman talked about the microbusinesses that haven't made any progress with their sites. Ackerman-Behr discussed the need to move on from the Marijuana licensing so that the other community needs can be met.
 - D. Zoning Ordinance Update and timeline: The zoning ordinance is ready to be placed on the City Commission agenda for adoption. Bergman discussed urbanized agriculture as something that has been coming up more in conversation with citizens. Accessory Dwelling Units were discussed as a necessary item to leave in the ordinance.
8. Other Business: The chairperson of the federal reserve will be speaking at the Aurora Club in September.
9. Next Meeting: September 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ackerman-Behr to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant